

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 20, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Commissioners met on November 20, 2018 at the Richland County Courthouse with Commissioners Sid Berg, Nathan Berseth, Tim Campbell, Rollie Ehlert and Dan Thompson. Others in attendance were Administration Personnel Hage and DelVal; State's Attorney Kummer and a Daily News Reporter.

JILL BREUER - COURT FACILITIES GRANT & CHAIRS

Breuer requested authorization to purchase 3 chairs for \$792.98 each. She has budgeted for chairs this year - the existing chairs are 12 years old. A motion was made by Berg to approve the purchase of 3 chairs; motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

- waiting on additional information for the Court Facilities Grant
- began the Everbridge Project (the Emergency Notification Program); training will be held in December
- applied for an Alliance Pipeline Grant for Emergency Medical Dispatch Books and Training
- Key Fobs are being worked on in the Courthouse

MISC/CORRESPONDENCE

- invitation to Retirement Party in Rolla for County Commissioner Bob Leonard, Sr.
- Portfolio Preference Sheets for 2019 Portfolios were distributed to the Board, December 11 will be the Board Reorganization meeting.

Hage reminded the Board of the Township Officers Meeting scheduled for 7 PM today in the LEC.

Hage reported the Election is final, we will not have a Recount.

Hage reported the Tax Sale is scheduled for 10 AM today, there are 13 new properties and 1 unsold property from 2016

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE - ABATEMENT

Applicant David Pauly was present.

David & Kathleen Pauly have filed an abatement for the 2018 tax year. Mr Pauly submitted a list of properties that have increased on the average of 15% and is requesting his value be adjusted to compare with the examples.

Fossum explained the Pauly's did not have a residential value on their property in 2017 due to their application for a farm exemption being approved. The listing of examples submitted by Mr Pauly were not all the same style and some have been reassessed more recently so the cumulative increase is not the same.

Fossum explained that while preparing for the abatement she found several errors made in the Summit Township revaluations so rather than increasing those six properties this late in the year due to errors, she suggested placing a 15% increase on the Pauly property to be in line with the rest of Summit Twsp for 2018 and the full value be placed for 2019, AND corrections to the other 6 properties be made in 2019 as well.

Berseth stated that by only increasing 15% instead of the full value, next year there would be another large increase to Pauly.

Pauly stated he would be OK with a large increase next year as long as all the other comparable properties were receiving it also.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Berseth to approve the values as requested on the Pauly abatement application for 2018, and to adjust all 7 properties next year; motion seconded by Berg. Voting NO were Thompson and Campbell. The remainder voted Yes and the motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Tractor/Semi Accident West of Wyndmere on November 9 - Wyndmere Fire Dept and Wyndmere Ambulance responded; there were minor injuries.

House Fire in Abercrombie, November 6 - Abercrombie, Colfax and Dwight Fire Departments responded. Extensive damage to the home, American Red Cross Assistance was received by the owner.

Lambrecht reported during the day there can be limited response to structure fires in some rural locations, he and Breuer will be visiting with Fire Chiefs about mutual aid.

FEMA LOMR Remapping - Information was submitted to FEMA in June, they had a list of followup questions. Will be meeting with FEMA next week to go through updates and the process for change.

FEMA -Outstanding Riley Bros. Billing for \$28,000 in Elma Twsp- Lambrecht explained the PW records have been reviewed to try and determine who is responsible for the bill. Elma Twsp PW#2518 & Richland County Tiling Project for Flood of 2011-

- PW#2518 was for \$78,314 for a Grade Raise, they spent \$30,242 on the road and later another \$6,281
- The County spent \$44,808 for tiling

Lambrecht followed up with FEMA who indicated they would "possibly" consider, additional information was submitted and we are waiting to hear back.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Personnel in attendance were Jesse Sedler and Lowell Bladow.

Co Rd 4 - Project SC-3912(056) - Knife River Materials was low bid at \$2,235,650. A motion was made by Berseth to award the bid to Knife River Materials for Project SC-3912(056); motion seconded by Thompson. Vote was unanimous.

Snow and Ice Policy - The policy has been reviewed by the Highway Advisory Committee, there are no changes to the policy.

Misc -

- will be advertising for propane bids to be opened at the January 8 meeting
- there is still some steel to be moved from the Walcott Shop property, everything else has been removed

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November

20 Township Officers Meeting

December

11 Commission Meeting

13 5-County Meeting

24-25 Closed All Day

January

8 Commission Meeting

10 County Christmas Party

22 Commission Meeting

Being there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

ATTEST: 

Leslie Hage
Auditor/Administrator



Rollie Ehlert
CHAIRPERSON
Board of Richland County Commissioners